



**Mississippi Office
Of Homeland Security
P. O. Box 958
Jackson, MS 39205**

First Responder Scholarship Application

Criteria: The goal of the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security scholarship program is to help qualified and deserving students continue their education in public safety response fields by providing grants based on a reasonable balance of merit and need.

ALL SECTIONS OF THE APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETE FOR CONSIDERATION, INCLUDING TRANSCRIPTS AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION!

The Selection Committee shall consider the following information for each applicant:

- ***Financial need***
- ***High school or college GPA***
- ***ACT scores (if available)***
- ***Activities and accomplishments in high school, college or the community (May use an additional sheet)***
- ***Applicant must be a legal resident of Mississippi and enrolled in a recognized and appropriately accredited institution within the State of Mississippi.***
- ***Applicant must be enrolled in a program of study leading to an associate, bachelor or higher degree in an area of public safety response.***
- ***Candidates must be enrolled as a full-time student or a part-time student currently employed in their response field of study.***

When submitting the application packet, make sure you include each of the items on the checklist:

- ☐ **Completed Application**
- ☐ **Official Transcript from most recent High School or College attended**
- ☐ **Two letters of recommendation sealed by the writer**
- ☐ **A brief (1 page or less) written explanation of your decision to seek an education and career in a public safety response field**
- ☐ **A copy of the portion of a) your Parent's/guardian's or b) your most recent Federal income tax form (first page of form 1040), showing adjusted income. (Mandatory submission - Social Security #'s may be blotted out).**

I. PERSONAL DATA (print)

Full name _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST PHONE

Full address _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

II. WHAT COLLEGE DO YOU PLAN TO ATTEND AND WHEN WILL YOU OFFICIALLY BEGIN?

III. HIGH SCHOOL: _____

DATE GRADUATED _____ GPA _____ ACT _____

(If you received a GED, please provide documentation of such.)

IV. LIST ANY COLLEGES PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED.

_____ COLLEGE GPA _____

V. LIST ANY RESPONSE RELATED COURSES TAKEN.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

VI. LIST THE NAME, TITLE AND PHONE NUMBER OF TWO PEOPLE WHO YOU WILL CONTACT TO COMPLETE THE ATTACHED REFERENCE FORM. INCLUDE ONE PERSON WHO CAN ATTEST TO YOUR CHARACTER/ CITIZENSHIP, ONE PERSON WHO CAN ATTEST TO YOUR PRIOR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE.

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

VII. PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR LATEST TRANSCRIPT. (Mandatory)

Financial Information

VIII. Are you a dependent or independent student? (Answer only one area below)

FOR DEPENDENT STUDENTS ONLY:

- a) How many people live in your home, including you, your parent(s) and anyone else away at college? _____
- b) How many persons, including you, siblings and your parent(s), are included on your parent/guardian's federal income taxes? _____

FOR INDEPENDENT STUDENTS ONLY:

- a) How many people, including you, live in your home? _____
- b) How many exemptions are included on your federal tax return? _____

IX. All applicants must attach a copy of the portion of a) your Parent's/guardian's or b) your Federal income tax form (first page of form 1040), showing adjusted income. If current tax information is not available, use returns for the 2010 tax year. (Mandatory) (Social Security #'s may be blotted out).

X. PLEASE COMPLETE BELOW:

- a) Name: _____ Cell or Home phone: _____
- b) Parent/guardian (for dependent students only) Home Phone: _____
- c) Home address: _____

- d) How many people in your family (including you, siblings and parents) who live in your home and will be attending college this fall? _____
- e) For parents of dependent applicants and independent applicants:
BY MY SIGNATURE, I AM CERTIFYING THE ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION.

Parent's Official Signature (dependent students only)

Date

Applicant's Signature (all applicants)

Date

- *Incomplete applications may not be reviewed or eligible for scholarship award*

Below, list your activities and accomplishments in high school/college and/or the community. Also, if you have work experience or have volunteered, please include below:

DEADLINE:

Applications will be considered on a first come first serve basis by the MS Office of Homeland Security review committee and will be approved and/or disapproved based on the merit of the individual application. The review process will continue as applications are received until the grant funding designated to this program is either depleted or impacted by grant expiration.

“No Deadline has yet been determined”

Character Reference Form

Applicant Name: _____

Please tell us about your knowledge of the above named scholarship applicant. This individual has applied for a scholarship specifically supporting students seeking to enter a public safety response field. From your personal knowledge of the applicant, tell us how you would feel knowing that you and/or your family's safety and security is dependent upon this person.

Name: _____ Title: _____

I have known the applicant _____ years. I know this applicant because I am his/her _____.

Academic Reference Form

Applicant Name: _____

Please tell us about your knowledge of the above named scholarship applicant's learning and skill application capabilities. This individual has applied for a scholarship specifically supporting students seeking to enter a public safety response field. From your personal knowledge of the applicant's academic past, tell us if you think an investment in this applicant's academic career would be a wise investment.

Name: _____ Title: _____

I have known the applicant _____ years. I know the applicant because I am his/her _____.